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Idaho Milk Production up 9.0 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2006 totaled 936 million pounds, a 9.0 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 52 million pounds from April 2006. Average milk production per cow in May 2006 was 1,930 pounds, up 80 pounds from April 2006, and unchanged from May 2005. The average number of milk cows during May was 485,000 head, up 7,000 head from April 2006, and up 40,000 head from May 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from May 2005. April revised production, at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from April 2005. The April revision represented a decrease of 2 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.26 million head, 128,000 head more than May 2005, and 19,000 head more than April 2006.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, May 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	163	173	2,085	2,145	340	371	9.1
California	1,751	1,785	1,880	1,890	3,292	3,374	2.5
Colorado	104	109	1,950	2,000	203	218	7.4
Florida	138	133	1,580	1,600	218	213	-2.3
IDAHO	445	485	1,930	1,930	859	936	9.0
Illinois	104	103	1,660	1,690	173	174	0.6
Indiana	157	166	1,800	1,750	283	291	2.8
Iowa	193	200	1,845	1,790	356	358	0.6
Kansas	112	113	1,815	1,870	203	211	3.9
Kentucky	107	99	1,195	1,260	128	125	-2.3
Michigan	312	319	1,915	1,910	597	609	2.0
Minnesota	455	450	1,610	1,635	733	736	0.4
Missouri	119	116	1,490	1,470	177	171	-3.4
New Mexico	323	356	1,880	1,980	607	705	16.1
New York	646	648	1,665	1,660	1,076	1,076	-
Ohio	270	273	1,595	1,600	431	437	1.4
Oregon	121	121	1,660	1,550	201	188	-6.5
Pennsylvania	565	556	1,675	1,700	946	945	-0.1
Texas	320	330	1,830	1,970	586	650	10.9
Vermont	144	142	1,650	1,630	238	231	-2.9
Virginia	105	103	1,535	1,545	161	159	-1.2
Washington	243	237	2,025	2,025	492	480	-2.4
Wisconsin	1,234	1,242	1,630	1,655	2,011	2,056	2.2
23 STATE TOTAL	8,131	8,259	1,760	1,782	14,311	14,714	2.8

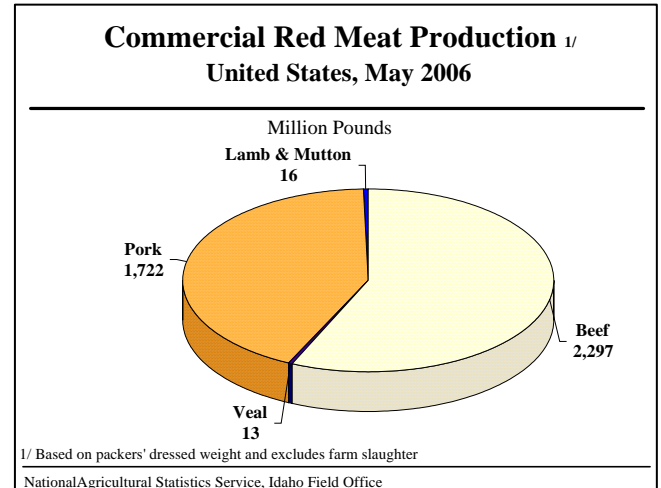
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 30 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2006 totaled 22.7 million pounds, down 30 percent from last year. May production was up one percent from the 22.5 million pounds produced in April. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2006 period totaled 121.4 million pounds, down 7.7 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in May, up 9 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in May 2005. Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.04 million head, up 9 percent from May 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,241 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.1 million pounds, 1 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 57,000 head, down 3 percent from May 2005. The average live weight was 2 pounds above last year, at 378 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 6 percent above May 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was up 10 percent from May 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 225,800 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live

weight was 144 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago. January to May 2006 commercial red meat production was 19.1 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.



Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	May 2006 as percent of ^{2/}	
				May 2005	April 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	117.8	123.1	138.1	117	112
Colorado	157.7	142.8	170.0	108	119
IDAHO	32.3	22.5	22.7	70	101
Illinois	209.1	212.4	222.8	107	105
Iowa	507.4	501.4	532.6	105	106
Kansas	489.9	*467.9	545.6	111	117
Minnesota	177.9	174.0	197.0	111	113
Montana	1.3	1.2	1.3	94	107
Nebraska	601.1	541.5	635.6	106	117
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	86	164
Oklahoma	85.0	88.1	87.2	103	99
Oregon	3.5	3.6	4.2	118	117
South Dakota	76.4	70.7	76.6	100	108
Texas	395.2	376.6	450.3	114	120
Utah	34.2	36.3	38.9	114	107
Washington	43.9	60.6	55.8	127	92
Wyoming	0.5	0.4	0.5	100	117
UNITED STATES	3,713.5	*3,614.2	4,049.1	109	112

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data. * Revised.

All Cattle in Idaho: Top Ten Counties

Counties	January 1, 2005	Counties	January 1, 2006
	<i>Head</i>		<i>Head</i>
Gooding	232,000	Gooding	246,500
Cassia	184,000	Cassia	220,000
Twin Falls	170,000	Twin Falls	176,000
Jerome	159,000	Jerome	168,500
Owyhee	141,000	Owyhee	138,500
Elmore	129,500	Elmore	125,000
Canyon	115,000	Canyon	121,000
Bingham	85,000	Ada	88,000
Ada	81,500	Bingham	85,000
Payette	77,000	Payette	75,500

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 6 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2006 totaled 230,000 head, down 6 percent from the June 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory was also down 6 percent from the number on hand May 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 37,000 head, down 24,000 head from May 2005 placements. Marketings during May totaled 47,000 head, down 7,000 from May 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on June 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2005 and 5 percent above June 1, 2004. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 14 percent below 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.80 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 370,000, 700-799 pounds were 503,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 2005 and 7 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 20 percent above 2005 and 46 percent above 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	June 1, 2005	May 1, 2006	June 1, 2006		
			Number	As % of 2005	As % of May
Arizona California Colorado Idaho Iowa Kansas Nebraska New Mexico Oklahoma South Dakota Texas Washington Other States United States	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
	331	*345	341	103	99
	515	530	535	104	101
	970	1,060	1,030	106	97
	245	245	230	94	94
	435	495	470	108	95
	2,280	2,530	2,400	105	95
	2,050	2,320	2,120	103	91
	127	132	135	106	102
	325	340	345	106	101
	186	200	195	105	98
	2,890	2,910	2,960	102	102
	137	152	141	103	93
	280	300	285	102	95
	10,771	*11,559	11,187	104	97

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. *Revised.

Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on May 31, 2006, totaled 861million pounds, a 7 percent decrease from April 30, 2006, and down 8 percent from May 31, 2005. Other frozen potatoes, at 244 million pounds, decreased 4 percent from April stocks and increased 3 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on May 31, 2006, totaled 230 million pounds, up 15 percent from the end of the previous month, and up 29 percent from May 31, 2005. Of these 230 million pounds, the government owned 165,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 581 million pounds, up 1 percent from April 30, 2006, but down fractionally from last year. The government owned a total of 42 million pounds of American cheese.

Commodity	May 31, 2005	April 30, 2006	May 31, 2006	2006
				2005
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES				
French Fries	940,430	921,987	861,055	92
Other Frozen	237,642	253,532	243,928	103
TOTAL	1,178,072	1,175,519	1,104,983	94
DAIRY				
Butter	178,045	200,179	229,826	129
(Gov't Owned)	224	106	165	74
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	582,686	574,420	580,668	100
(Govt. Owned)	1,134	235	42	4